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1. On 16 April, 1 officer and 45 EM with full pack, suitcases and blankets arrived at Sperenberg railroad station. At about 4 p.m., 46 soldiers with the same equipment boarded the regular train toward Zossen.¹

2. In late March, a bridge was constructed across the Saale River in Bernburg. A column of 15 amphibious cars, each about 12 meters long and 4 meters wide, drove into the water, turned upstream, formed a bridge line, cast anchor and were interconnected. The bridge, which was ready for operation within fifteen minutes, was subsequently crossed by a column of trucks and medium tanks.²

25X1A1. Comment. Presumably, an advance party of those units of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDFG from Bernburg which, according to the same source, were unloaded in Sperenberg.

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25X1A2. Comment. Information refers to a new method of hasty bridge construction. It is doubted, however, that the load capacity of the bridge will suffice for medium tanks.

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